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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION ON MIDEAST WITH VICE PRIME MINISTER

REF: STATE 212647

1. DURING MY CALL ON VICE PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS OCTOBER 29 HE ASKED FOR MY COMMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH TINDEMANS, WHO TAKES A STRONG INTEREST IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. I THEREFORE TOOK THE OCCASION TO DRAW ON STATE 212647 TO REVIEW THE US POSITION ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

2. I PARTICULARLY STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT EXPECT OUR ALLIES TO PURSUE POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT CONFORM FULLY TO OURS OR TO ENDORSE OUR POLICY, WE DO EXPECT THEM TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION AS IT RELATES TO THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN INTERESTS GENERALLY. I NOTED TOO THAT A VICTORY ON THE FORCES SUPPORTED BY
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THE SOVIETS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN RADICALIZATION OF THE ENTIRE AREA. HAD THE US NOT ACTED, THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE MORE AGGRESSIVE POLICIES ELSEWHERE.

3. I WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THAT, SINCE THE ARABS KNOW THAT ONLY THE US CAN HELP BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, EUROPEAN DISSOCIATION FROM THE US AND CAPITULATION TO THE ARABS NOT ONLY WOULD NOT ENSURE EUROPE'S OIL SUPPLY BUT COULD ENHANCE SOVIET INFLUENCE. DINDEMANS EXPRESSED FULL AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT AND INTIMATED THAT, IN THE CABINET, HE HAD OPPOSED THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. I ALSO REVIEWED US EFFORTS TO CONSULT WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS, NOTED THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS SURROUNDING THE ALERT OF US FORCES LAST WEEK, AND POINTED OUT OUR INTENTION TO ENSURE EVEN FULLER AND FASTER CONSULTATIONS IN THE FUTURE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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